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(a) whether Gujarat has made any proposal for declaring any new National Highways;

(b) whether additional grant commensurate with the increase in length due to the declaration of certain roads as National Highways has been provided for maintenance of the National Highways; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Funds for maintenance of National Highways including new National Highways are allocated keeping in view the overall availability of resources.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of new National Highways

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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to answer:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for the construction of 14000 kilometers of new National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified those State where the construction of new National Highways is essential; and

(c) if so, what are the names of those States alongwith the locations in such States where the construction of new highways is proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The current Twenty Year Road Development Plan envisages a total national highways network length of 66,000 Kms. The total length of national highways in the country as on date is 52010 Kms.

(b) and (c) No details can be given at this stage since the proposals received from the State Governments for declaration of new National Highways are to be considered and finally decided, keeping in view their *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

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